

Nation's Chiefs Are Guests of Gridiron Club

President, His Cabinet and
Washington Leaders Are
Butt of Burlesque Bits
at Annual Spring Dinner

U.S. Press Leaders Attend

"Simplicity and Economy"
Mark Inauguration of the
Organization's New Head

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 9.—President Harding and the ten members of his cabinet, all guests of the Gridiron Club at its spring dinner here to-night, watched with apparent relish a burlesque on the Florida houseboat period of Cabinet making.

The guests entered the big ballroom of the Willard Hotel, where the banquet was held, through an ante-chamber, which had been converted into a scene reminiscent of the Everglades.

Disturbances started with the very beginning of the dinner. No sooner were the guests seated than the tramping of heavy feet and the rattling of dinner pails was heard outside the room. "Move along, there. Hurry up!" shouted a voice, followed by another which declared "Your loading days are over. No swivel chair goes with this job."

"Get that pick handle out of my eye!" shouted another voice, while still another warned some one to "keep that shovel off my toes!"

The presiding officer demanded an explanation.

"That dismal sound, Mr. President," came the answer, "is the Democrats going to work."

An impressive feature was the inauguration, with "simplicity and economy," of N. O. Messenger, of The Washington Evening Star, as president of the Gridiron Club. The inauguration committee, attended by a presumptive chief justice and Clerk of the Supreme Court, appeared and conducted the inaugural ceremonies in pantomime to the accompaniment of emphatic "hushes" and a prosaic silence. A group of sobbing citizens of Washington viewed the ceremony from the side lines.

Silence Breeds Curiosity
"What is going on up there, anywhere?" shouted a member from the end of the room. "We can't hear a word."

"S-s-s-h-h-h," replied a member of the committee. "We have just inaugurated Mr. Messenger as president of the Gridiron Club."

"How much did that inauguration cost?"

"S-s-s-h-h-h," was the reply. "Thirty cents, but don't tell Senator Borah."

"What is that bunch crying about?" asked another member.

"That," was the reply, "is a committee of leading Washington business men. They are not crying. They are trying to give three cheers for a simple and economical inauguration."

Carter Field, of The New York Tribune; Jay G. Hayden, of The Detroit News; and Robert B. Armstrong, of The Los Angeles Times, were initiated as members of the club.

Arthur B. Pierce, Fred East and J. P. B. Bowie were initiated as associate members during the evening. All had to submit to the cross-examination as to their qualifications, in which it appeared that each aspired to be a member of President Messenger's Cabinet.

"Is Hiram Johnson backing you?" was asked of Mr. Armstrong.

"No," was the reply. "Johnson is against me. That is one of my best recommendations."

Asked why he wanted to be Secretary of State in the Messenger administration, Mr. Armstrong said, "More fun than abroad and fewer dry dinners at home."

"Have you any qualifications for the job?"

"At least one," said Mr. Armstrong. "I can't get elected to anything."

"Yes," said the chairman, "I know that's the rule."

Field Wants to Boss Mails
Mr. Field aspired to be Postmaster General. Asked if he could improve the mail service, he answered, "I don't see how I can make it worse. I can improve the personnel."

Mr. Hayden insisted that he ought to be Secretary of Labor. "I thought if you Michigan people wanted to get into the Senate," said the examiner.

"No," said Mr. Hayden, "it costs too much."

During the evening the dinner was interrupted by a steam-whistle and the ringing of engine-room bells outside the dining-room.

"What's all this racket about?"

"Senator Frelinghuysen's yacht, Victor, with the President-elect on board, is stuck in the mud again. They have to wait for high tide to float them off. Passengers and crew are coming ashore," was the reply.

Jolly Sailors Arrive
In tripped the party, including Skip Frelinghuysen, Secretary George Christian, a reporter, William Jennings Bryan, a Kentucky colonel, a man from Marion and General Dawes.

In lyrical fashion and in dialogue they related some of the troubles of a President-elect.

The Kentucky colonel asked George Christian who is to be appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue. "You see," said the colonel, "the prohibitionists have taken most of the joy out of life, but we have a few rays of sunshine down in the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee."

"Sunshine? Moonshine?"

"They are synonymous, suh. We hope the new Administration will have a heart and not disturb the little private stills."

Hereupon the colonel burst into a monologue solo, the conclusion of which was interrupted by the entrance of General Dawes, with some characteristic remarks.

The General explained that he was just from Washington, where he had those blithering idiots who were investigating war expenditures. Told him where to hang it.

"They say you swore something awful and your testimony had to be censured," somebody remarked.

"Not a damn bit of it," said the General. "I might have cursed a little, but I held my temper. A man's got to tussle or cry, and I didn't cry."

And the General Sang a Song
Thereupon the General lifted up his voice in song, thus:

"Washington I sat,
Telling Congressmen the facts
and replying to the questions on the war;
I was careful to be calm,
but occasionally a damn
clipped into my testimony—nothing more.
Gosh, hush, hush, the general's cousin;
hear his free and easy style—damn, damn,
he'd only cut her loose
and his repertoire would use
he'd beat his present record by a mile.
Damn, damn!"

The man from Marion also had a song on his home town. Then William Jennings Bryan, or his prototype, to the air of "Little Buttercup," offered so Mr. Christian for the President a somewhat shopworn collection of platitudes and ideas, including what he described as "A bully foreign policy," dry plank left over from San

Francisco" and "A crackerjack labor policy."

The "Patronage National Bank" was opened for business in full view of the diners, and a line of customers with checks to cash appeared. One of these tried to cash a check signed by Frank H. Hitchcock, calling for a fourth class postmaster's check. Payment was refused.

After some delay in trying to identify Mr. Hitchcock, "Oh, now I remember him," said the bookkeeper. "Why, he hasn't had a nickel in this bank since it was reorganized last winter."

A check signed by Senator Wadsworth on the New York joint account likewise was refused. The teller explained that "when Senator Wadsworth draws a check Senator Calder telephones to stop payment, and when Senator Calder draws a check Senator Wadsworth stops it."

A small check signed by Vice-President Coolidge was rejected on the ground that his account had been closed for him after he had drawn "a private secretary and one chair at the foot of the table." Forgery was detected instantly when a check signed "Herbert Hoover" and endorsed "Hiram Johnson" was presented. The customer escaped before the police could arrive.

An individual representing himself as a political astronomer, accompanied by a student, appeared. Using an astronomical chart, the astronomer explained that "there are two great constellations in the political heavens. The members of the constellation on the right," said he, "do not revolve around the sun. They revolve around Taurus—the bull."

"Bull must have great attraction," said the student.

"Yes, sir; bull is absolutely fascinating to most political stars."

The constituent elements of the political satellites of the bull were declared to be gas and crust.

The second constellation, it appeared, contained one great sun. "That," the astronomer said, "is the new sun in the political heavens, called Warren Gamaliel, formerly the Marion star."

"It seems to shine steadily and without wabbling."

"That," said the astronomer, "is due to a peculiar property it possesses called 'normalcy.'"

"It attracts attention instantly."

"Yes," went on the astronomer, "as Bill Nye once said, 'the eye of the world is onto him.'"

Various large planets revolving around Warren Gamaliel were declared to be cabinet planets, though not necessarily fixed stars.

"Read Robert Lansing's book on 'falling stars,'" said the astronomer. "They are held in their orbits by gravity, which the astronomer said was another name for 'pull.'"

"It is fundamental, political, astronomical law," he went on, "that the nearer the sun the greater the pull."

Continuing his lecture, the astronomer said that the way to distinguish between the two constellations, the Bull and Warren Gamaliel, was to use a spectroscope, the light from the Warren Gamaliel constellation showing a spectrum of violet, indigo, green, yellow, orange and red, while the light from the Bull constellation shows "just a yellow streak."

Coolidge Busy Traveling
A little later a silk-hatted gentleman, carrying a portfolio of papers, was rushed violently across the dining room, only to retrace his steps in the same hurried fashion. After several trips he was charged and required to expose his business. He turned out to be Vice-President Coolidge. "He says," reported a club officer, "that he is very sorry to disturb the dinner, but he is doing his best to keep his engagements between the cabinet room and the Senate."

As a souvenir of the dinner each guest received a little book of "Gridiron Fables and Wonders," dealing with the personalities of some of the famous guests present, each table illustrated by C. K. Berryman.

Besides the President, Vice-President and Cabinet members, some of the guests were: The French, Belgian, Italian, Peruvian and British Ambassadors, Messrs. Justice Pitney and McReynolds, of the Supreme Court; Speaker Gillett, secretary to the President; Christian, Under Secretary of State; Fletcher, Senators Brewster of Louisiana, Curtis of Kansas, Wadsworth and Calder of New York, Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Kellogg of Minnesota, Knox of Pennsylvania, Lenroot of Wisconsin, Lodge of Massachusetts, McCormick of Illinois, McKinley of Illinois, McNary of Oregon, New of Indiana, Penrose of Pennsylvania, Shortridge of California, Smoot of Utah, Standish of Oregon and Watson of Indiana, Representatives Campbell of Pennsylvania, Cannon of Illinois, Chandler of Oklahoma, Copley of Illinois, Mondell of Wyoming, Moore of Indiana and Winslow of Massachusetts, Governor E. P. Morrow, of Kentucky; Commissioner Clegg, H. Rudolph, of the District of Columbia, and Governor William C. Sproul, of Pennsylvania.

Among the representatives of the army, navy and Marine Corps present were:

General John J. Pershing, U. S. A.; Major General John A. Lejeune, U. S. A.; Major General Charles E. Humphrey, U. S. A. (retired); Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, U. S. A.; Brigadier General George Richards, U. S. A.; Colonel Wilds P. Richardson, U. S. A. (retired); Lieutenant Commander Arthur W. Dunn, Jr., U. S. N., and Lieutenant L. White Busbey, Jr., U. S. N.

Editors, publishers and writers present as guests included:

Robert W. Higgins, Louisville Times; Harry C. Black, Baltimore Sun; George G. Booth, Detroit News; Ralph H. Booth, Booth Publishing Company; E. H. Butler, Buffalo News; Robert J. Gaudry, Literary Digest; Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Philadelphia Evening Ledger; Charles W. Danziger, Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph; William H. Field, New York Daily News; Robert M. Ginter, Pittsburgh Gazette-Times; Charles P. Hasbrouck, Richmond Times-Dispatch; Beale R. Howard, Washington Evening Star; R. M. Kauffmann, Washington Evening Star; Frank R. Kent, Baltimore Sun; I. R. Kirkwood, Kansas City Star; G. A. Lyon, Jr., Washington Evening Star; Edward B. McLean, Washington Post; Avery C. Marks, Jr., president National Press Club; Arthur D. Marks, Washington Post; Thomas O. Marvin, The Protectionist; Julian S. Mason, Chicago Evening Post; Laurence Mills, National Hotel and Travel Gazette; Frank B. Noyes, Washington Evening Star; George S. Oliver, Pittsburgh Gazette-Times; Paul Patterson, Baltimore Sun; Wright A. Patterson, Western Newspaper Union; Joseph Pulitzer, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; John R. Rathbone, Providence Journal; Ogden Reid, New York Tribune; Colonel Charles A. Rock, Pittsburgh Dispatch; David E. Smiley, Philadelphia Evening Ledger; Courtland Smith, American Press Association; David B. Smith, Pittsburgh Gazette-Times; W. B. Sullivan, Chicago Observer; William D. Sullivan, Boston Globe; Samuel E. Thompson, Chicago Tribune; Henry K. Williams, Dunkirk (N. Y.) Observer; and Russell Young, Washington Evening Star.

Realty Man Sued for \$50,000
In Breach of Promise Action

Miss Agnes M. Miller, who says she resigned a position as assistant secretary and treasurer of a Chicago club in anticipation of her marriage to William T. Pratt, a real estate man, sued Mr. Pratt in the Supreme Court yesterday for \$50,000 breach of promise.

It is alleged by Miss Miller that Mr. Pratt promised in October, 1920, to make her his wife early in 1921. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant still refuses to fix the date for their wedding, notwithstanding his promise, the resignation by her of her position and the purchase of a trousseau.

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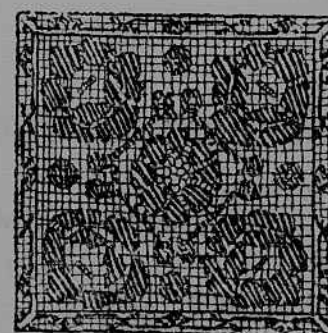
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